



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/747,038

Confirmation No. 4697

Applicant : Christopher Damien

Filed : December 22, 2000

TC/A.U. : 3738

Examiner : Thomas C. Barrett

Docket No. : 2026-00100

Customer No.:

Title: Implantable Osteogenic Material

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2003  
AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Our File: 2026-00100

Date: December 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Final Office Action dated October 21, 2003. In response, Applicants submit the following amendments and arguments and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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